speed and quantum of flow. So far, there has been no quantitative measure for the self-cleaning capacity of a river.

(c) Availability of assured water resource is taken into account in formulation of utilisation projects.

Agreement with Swiss Government to check deposits of Indians

1646. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 587 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 30th July, 1987 and state:

(a) what further steps have been taken by the Government of India to enter into a treaty for mutual assistance in criminal matters with Swiss authorities for assistance in specific cases of Indian having accounts in Swiss Banks with funds obtained illegally; and

(b) whether Government have been able to find clues of such accounts and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) An Agreement by exchange of letters has been reached with the Government of Switzerland to provide mutual assistance in investigation of criminal offences. The letters were exchanged on 20th February, 1989. This agreement envisaged that the two Governments will cooperate and provide assistance in investigation of criminal cases on the basis of the principles of reciprocity and dual criminality.

Export of Human Skeletons

1647. DR. R. K. PODDAR:
SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM:
SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the 'Statesman' of the 5th January, 1989 regarding major racket in export in human skeletons;

(b) if so what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) On the basis of earlier news paper report, enquiries were made but no evidence of such exports being made came to notice.

Prospect of accord with NSCN

1648. SHRI NARAYAN KAR:
SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn in the news-item which appeared in the 'Indian Express' of the 30th December, 1988 regarding likely accord with N.S.C N. (National Socialist Council of Nagaland); and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government's policy in regard to holding talks with any extremist group in the North East is that it should fulfil the two pre-conditions, namely (i) It should accept the Constitution of India; and (ii) It should stop its violent activities.. No talks are being held with the NSCN.

Violation of FERA by the Express Group of Newspapers

1649. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Directorate Enforcement has imposed a penalty on the Express Group of newspapers for FERA violation, and

(b) if so, what are the details of FERA violations committed by the said newspaper?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Of the show cause notices issued, proceedings in one of the cases has since been adjudicated on 23-12-88 imposing a penalty of Rs. 6 lakhs on M/s. Indian Express Newspapers, Bombay Pvt. Ltd and Rs. 1 lakh on Shri R. N. Goenka for making payment to a non-resident in contravention of section 9(1) (a) of the FERA, 1973.

Manufacturing of arms, etc. by the Ministry of Home Affairs

1650. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry proposes to go into the manufacturing of modern arms, bullet-proof jackets and other essential requirements for its captive use; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government are considering to provide modern arms and bullet-proof jackets to the Police, Reserve Police and Central Reserve State Reserve Police; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVENCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) The subject item of manufacturing arms concerns the Ordnance Factories under the Ministry of Defence. However, there is no proposal to manufacture arms by the Ministry of Home Affairs. The question of up-dating weaponry and of supply of equipment to Central and State Police Forces form part of on going exercises being reviewed periodically by the Government.

Adding of Alcohol in Petrol to reduce air pollution

1651. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that thirteen lakh automobiles in Delhi account for around 50% total air pollution;

(b) whether Government are aware that air pollution from cars is largely due to high tetra-lead retained/added to petrol as an anti-knock agent by Indian refineries which is 5 times more than in Europe;

(c) whether Government are aware that many countries like Brazil, U.S.A. and Sweden have eliminated use of tetralead in petrol by adding 7-20% alcohol in petrol; and

(d) whether Government are aware that 20% alcohol was being added to petrol in India but was stopped sometime in 1945 without Government's decision or knowledge?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Tetraethyl lead is one of the major sources of air pollution from gasoline vehicles.

(c) Some countries use unleaded petrol irrespective of whether alcohol is added or not.